

"In such a wide, contending world, the truth, how shall I find?
In a clamoring multitude of tongues, how make a prudent choice?
Shall I accept the product of a single human mind?
And shall I listen only to one prophet's urgent voice?"

No! Let me hear them all and feel the heart-throb of mankind,
For none alone has all the truth, nor all the noble thought.
Bring all the scrolls, of every land; in one great parchment bind
The pregnant words and deeds by which our common life is wrought."

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